

Lundy himself ordered the killing of a senior Ministry of Interior official shortly after the coup. Lundy was never investigated for the killing.

Hok Lundy has been deeply implicated in those events and many other abuses, including drug trafficking allegations confirmed by our own DEA. But last year the FBI gave him an award for cooperating in counterterrorism efforts, the U.S. Ambassador praised him, and the FBI has now invited him here for discussions on bilateral cooperation.

In a 2004 Proclamation, the President unambiguously stated that foreign officials suspected of involvement in corrupt activities should be barred from entry. This clearly should apply to Hok Lundy. In addition, in 2006, the Trafficking in Persons office of the State Department overruled other offices and agencies and denied Hok Lundy a visa based on credible allegations that he had helped free human traffickers.

Madam Speaker, we are well aware that the war on terrorism entails dealing with some questionable characters. But it is my hope that should those characters prove to be guilty of abuses and crimes they at a minimum be barred from coming to the United States, and at a maximum be investigated by the FBI and other relevant agencies. But we should not be giving recognition to a man who has arguably done more to undermine American aspirations for Cambodia—to bring that battered country peace, justice, and a rights respecting government—than almost anyone else. It is counterproductive, hypocritical, and downright dumb to pursue such cooperation with someone with a demonstrated track record of terrorism, not someone who fights it.

Neither the State Department nor the FBI has articulated why they think Hok Lundy is a credible, reliable partner. To fall back, as the State Department's spokesperson did yesterday, on lame procedural rhetoric—that there is “no legal bar to denying him a visa”—or on some spurious administrative need—an unexplained “policy need” to attend “some meetings”—is a gross insult not only to the people of Cambodia but also the people of America. I believe the State Department and FBI must explain themselves—and that the visa should be revoked immediately.

EULOGY OF CORPORAL MARK KIDD

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, I am here today with my colleague Mike Rogers to extend our sincerest gratitude to Cpl Mark Kidd—a son, grandson, brother, Marine and American—for his service to our nation, and to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. As a friend of the family it is very difficult for us to try to serve the dual roles that, in many ways, you helped give us on this sorrowful day.

Mark, as we all know, grew up cradled in the arms of his loved ones and strengthened here in the cradle of liberty. When he was called to serve he served in the defense of his nation, not by oppressing his fellow human beings in foreign lands, but by bringing eman-

cipation to them so that they, too, could yearn to breathe free. It is in such a way of service to our fellow human beings that we honor not only our nation, but more importantly, we honor the universal spirit of a loving God who created us all. Thus, it is important that we remember, even as we grieve today, how we are all frail ephemeral human beings, groping through this veil of tears toward the infinite eternal perfection of the loving God, who created and awaits us all. It is a daunting calling, then, that we must answer; to strive, suffer and serve on behalf of our fellow human beings,

But Mark was not daunted, Mark accepted this challenge and he devotedly, courageously, and honorably strove to help free an entire people. Now he is cradled in the arms of our loving God and, no doubt, having not slumbered through this earthly life he may truly say with joyous rapture; now God be thanked, who has matched us with his hour and caught our youth and wakened us from sleeping.

Thank you and may God continue to bless you, Cpl Mark Kidd—beloved son, grandson, brother, Marine, American.

IN MEMORY OF JOHNNY RAPERT

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Johnny Rapert of Hope, Arkansas, who passed away March 31, 2007.

Throughout his years of service to his community, to his students at the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope, and to the state of Arkansas, Johnny was a leader and an inspiration to many. His dedicated commitment to making his beloved state of Arkansas a better place to live was evident in everything he did.

Johnny was a former Chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Hope and a former Arkansas State Representative. He was a devoted family man and a model civic leader. He was recognized as the 1996 Hope-Hempstead County Citizen of the Year and was a member of the Unity Baptist Church of Hope, the Lions Club and was a Gideon—all of which embodied his steadfast service and his dedication to giving back.

I send my deepest condolences to his wife, Pat; his sons Daniel Rapert of San Antonio, TX, Rick Dollins of Pochontas, AR, Robert “Bobby” Dollins of Pochontas, AR, and Michael Dollins of Granite City, IL; his daughters Debbie Yen of Memphis, TN, Patty Harrod of Strong, AR, Connie Zimmer of Hope, AR, and Donna Ragan of Pochontas, AR; his sister Rita Jackson of St. Louis, MO, and his 16 grandchildren.

Johnny will be missed by his family, his church, his community and all those who knew him and called him a friend. I will continue to keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO GLENN CHRISTENSON

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend Glenn Christenson, who, retired on March 30, 2007, after serving as chief financial officer of Station Casinos for 17 years.

During his time as CFO of Station Casinos, Glenn was instrumental in helping the company dramatically increase its holdings and develop into an important gaming company. When Glenn joined Station Casinos the company held one casino. After 17 years of Glenn's guidance and leadership, the company now holds 16 casinos in southern Nevada and an American Indian casino in northern California.

For his efforts with Station Casinos, Glenn has been recognized as the Top Chief Financial Officer in gaming and lodging the past 2 years by Institutional Investor Magazine. He was also named to the Nevada Society of CPAs Hall of Fame for Business and Industry in 2001 and was recognized as one of the Most Influential Businessmen in southern Nevada by In Business magazine in 2002.

Glenn is very much involved with a number of important civic organizations. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, the Board of Directors of the National Center for Responsible Gaming, the Board of Directors of Problem Gaming Consultants, the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Development Authority, the Board of Directors of the Nevada State College, the Board of Directors of Nevada Community Bancorp, and is an advisor to the UNLV Business School.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my friend Glenn Christenson. His contributions to the Las Vegas business and civic communities are commendable and I wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JAMES KOSSLER

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. James Kossler. Dr. Kossler has served the community for more than 40 years in education. During this time, he devoted 19 years to Pasadena City College (PCC), 12 of which he served as President. Dr. Kossler has dedicated himself to the promotion of student success and educational achievement.

Raised in Lynwood, California, Dr. Kossler received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and english from Saint John's College, California, and later earned a baccalaureate in theology and canon law from Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. He then obtained his Master of Science degree in school management, and his Doctor of Education degree in institutional management from Pepperdine University.